

## IN THE FIELD OF LABOR

## UNIONS ARE URGING ORGANIZATION OF EMPLOYERS.

## Consolidation of Interest Would Assist in Settling Next Season's Wage Scale—Labor Notes.

The chances are that next season's building trades wage scales will be settled by the organized labor and organized capital. The labor unions of the city have been trying to get the employers to organize, but have only partly succeeded. This has been particularly true in the building trades. The contractors have maintained more or less of an organization to deal with the Carpenters' Union, and the plumbers have settled their wage scale with the Master Plumbers' Association, but beyond these instances the movement has not been progressive. The Builders' Exchange has also acted as a sort of an organization to discuss wage scales, but has taken no part in settlements.

Following the settlement with the Carpenters' Union last spring the Contractors' Association, which was all but dissolved, reorganized and filed articles of incorporation. While the purpose of this organization was not announced other than for mutual benefit, it is known that the main object was to deal with the carpenters. Yesterday the master plumbers organized and filed articles of incorporation under the name of the Merchant Plumbers' Association. The directors of the association are: A. A. Strong, C. Anshausen, J. F. Haslinger, J. M. Healy, J. G. Hayes, W. W. Wilcox, J. W. Marshall, P. J. Freaney and J. H. Diggle. These men have been prominently identified with the Master Plumbers' Association. The articles state that the organization is to advance mutual interest, but the movement is also regarded to have in view future settlements with the journeymen plumbers.

Other employers interested in the building trades have organized and incorporated, but they generally maintain some sort of organization when it comes to settling the seasonal wage scales. There was considerable talk last spring among all contractors about organizing, but the movement did not materialize in time for a settlement of the wage scales by the signing of agreements between the associations and unions. Some of the contractors have held aloof from any organized movement, but as these are generally the first to sign the new wage scales they will be no stumbling block in the way of the general movement. A sentiment is growing among the employers in the building trades that the satisfactory settlements could be effected by organization instead of dealing individually with each employer. At this time what the unions have been striving for, the new plan is expected to prove satisfactory, and many of the wage scales will likely be settled in conferences between the two organizations.

The building trades last spring organized a Building Allied Council, which has made it more necessary for the employers to organize, and at the same time the consolidation of the building trades unions has led to more satisfactory settlements without a suspension of work. The other movement ever inaugurated in the city, grievances have been carried to the council for adjustment, and decisions have been made in favor and against complaining unions. As the building trades are so closely allied, having in common the same council, some of the leaders in the labor movement think that the employers may form a like association by next year, which will further consolidate the two interests, and make settlements between organizations more necessary.

## Unions' Perplexing Problem.

Central Labor Union to-morrow night will have two perplexing problems to settle. One will be over the admittance of the Electrotypes' Union to the central body. The union withdrew from the Typographical Union, and as it has not been granted autonomy it holds no charter from the American Federation of Labor, and hence is not entitled to representation in the central body. Many delegates are in favor of seating the delegates, even if the central body has to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor. The other question affects the Laundry Workers' Union. There are two toilet supply firms in the city. One has its own laundry, and the other firm has no laundry and complains that the union laundries do not care for its class of work and it cannot get its work done by union laundry workers. As the right seems to be between two business firms the union is not disposed to take up the matter, and Central Labor Union may let them fight it out.

## Local Labor Notes.

The Electrical Workers' Union has disbanded with its business agent.

The Barbers' Union now has thirty-three shops in the city united.

Central Labor Union to-morrow night will likely pass resolutions favoring an increase in the pay of firemen.

The Tailors' Union has voted 1 per cent. per capita tax on its members for the support of the anthracite coal strikers.

Twenty delegates from Indianapolis will attend the State Federation of Labor convention which meets in Evansville Sept. 23.

The Garment Workers will give a ball in South Side Hotel, Tuesday, Oct. 28, for the benefit of the sick and death benefit fund.

An effort is being made to reorganize the Poultrymen's Union, which the union at one time had 500 members, but failed, being unable to adjust a scale.

An effort was made to reorganize the Cereale Workers' Union, which was one of the strongest in the city, but lapsed since the plant became a part of the trust.

Business Agent Walter of the Iron Molders' Union, has been in Toledo the last week organizing the shops in that city. Up till Thursday he had organized nine of the twelve shops.

The building trades may ask Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge and Representative Overstreet to visit the city and see the work on the old Federal building being done by union labor instead of by janitors.

The Amalgamated Union of Bricklayers will have a mass meeting in Bricklayers' Hall this afternoon. Thomas I. Kidd, national secretary, and Business Agent of the union, of Chicago, and Business Agent D. B. Berry, of St. Louis, will address the meeting.

The hoisting engineers have compromised their differences with the public utility company by building the West Washington-street bridge, by allowing the engineers employed to be unionized on a scale of \$15 a week straight time, ten hours a day.

National Secretary Thomas I. Kidd, of the Amalgamated Union of Bricklayers, is in the city to settle differences that have arisen between the painters' union and the woodworkers. This time the trouble is over varnishing woodwork in the public library. Both unions claim the work.

The plasterers' strike at the new Clayport Hotel has been settled by the contractor, George Weber, taking the contested work out of the hands of Glenn Bros., subcontractors, and the union plasterers will return to work to-morrow. Glenn Bros. had their contract partly annulled and they may sue the company for the remainder unless a settlement is effected.

## CITY SOCIAL LIFE.

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Vienna, will give concerts and teach music in Houston.

## Among the Clubs.

The Ancients Club will dance at the Breneke Academy to-morrow evening.

The Debonair Club will have its opening dance Friday evening at the Breneke Academy.

The Rosemary Club will observe president's day with Miss Nina Bond Saturday afternoon.

The Conversation Club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. S. E. Perkins. It will be president's day.

The Inter-Nos Club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. C. Van Zandt. It will be president's day.

St. Bridget's Social Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mr. William A. Davidson, 822 North West street, Tuesday evening, Sept. 23.

The George H. Chapman W. R. C. No. 16, will have a social Saturday evening at

their hall, 1354 North Delaware street. The proceeds will purchase a flag for school No. 16, West Indianapolis.

Mrs. Abbie H. Freeland, 1106 Pleasant street, will entertain the auxiliary of Queen Elizabeth Chapter, No. 1, Breneke Academy, Friday evening. The officers of the club are: Dr. J. A. Conkey, Mr. Harry H. Haffner, Mr. Harvey Jones, Dr. Ed. H. Donnell and Dr. A. A. Hill.

The Philomathean Club will observe president's day Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. B. Farrabee, 2402 Pennsylvaniana street. Musical numbers will be given by George W. Hafford will talk on the "Merchant of Venice."

## Young People in College.

The following list includes a number of young people who will spend the winter away at school:

Alfred Ogle will attend Princeton.

Miss Isabel Gates will be at Oxford.

Will Harding, Jr., will attend Cornell.

Miss Lillian Atkins will attend Vassar.

Miss Helen Day will be at Farmington, Conn.

Miss Emily Winters will be at Farmington, Conn.

Miss Bess Brown will attend Oxford College in Ohio.

Howard Carl Ingram will be at Harvard College.

Fletcher Wagner will take a law course at Harvard.

Clara Sanborn will attend Oxford College in Ohio.

Miss Natalie Dalton will attend school at Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Miss Julia Kern will go to New York to study after Christmas.

Miss Mabel Talbot will go to Gonzaga, near Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Eleanor Lemcke will be with Miss Chamberlain in Boston.

Miss Jane Ogle will be with Miss Wickham in New York city.

Miss Sally Hall will take an art course at De Paul University.

Bennett Gates will attend St. Paul's school at Concord, Mass.

Miss Conway Lilly will enter Miss Chamberlain's school in Boston.

Miss Louise Byrnes will spend the winter in New York studying music.

Frederick Day will be at New Haven and will be a sophomore at Yale.

Ferdinand Mayer, Jr., will attend the Hill school near Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Ruth Pratt will be at the Peabody-Thompson school in New York.

Miss Margery Taylor will spend the winter in New York at a dramatic school.

Miss Irene Moses and Miss Bruce will be in Brooklyn, N. Y., at Pratt Institute.

Griffin J. Smith has gone to the Randolph Macon College, Front Royal, Va.

Miss Margaret Wheeler will attend the University of Colorado at Denver, Col.

Miss Marguerite Lilly and Miss Edith Johnson will attend the Peabody-Thompson School in New York.

Those attending Cornell include Leland Mothershead, Alan Williams, Edward Mayo, Richard Tolin and John S. Kittle.

Miss Gladys Walcott, Miss Charlotte Williams and Miss Norma Von Hake will attend Akely Hall at Grand Haven, Mich.

Miss Anna Louise will attend Florence Rogers, Miss Corinne Mansfield and Miss Frances Brownell will attend Wellesley College.

Anton Vonnegut will attend Cornell and Walter Vonnegut will be in Strasburg, Germany, and will attend the Goss school.

Robert Griffith, Charles Raub, Ralph Hill, George Eckhouse, Robert Krue, Richard Tolin, Horace Hudson, Ralph Preston, Gordon Tanner, Charles Ripley, Will Wheeler, Bridger, Joel Barlow and Walter Hubbard are among the young men to attend Purdue this year.

Miss Mary and Miss Eleanor Carey, Miss Dora Eickhouse, Miss Elizabeth Ecker, Miss Cerene Orr, Miss Mary Pratt, Miss Margaret Ship, Miss Margaret Rockwood, Miss Charles E. Smith, Miss Mary F. Perry, Ruth and Miss Margaret McCulloch, Miss Hazel Backus, Miss Lydia Wallace, Miss Bertha Bala, Miss Henrietta and Miss Carrie Frenzel will spend the winter at Vassar.

## LEGAL BATTLE UNDER WAY

## THE LATE MASON J. OSGOOD'S ESTATE THE FINE PRIZE.

## Indiana Adoption Law Questioned in a Cross-Complaint—Other Court Cases.

Charles W. Osgood, nephew of the late Mason J. Osgood, yesterday filed a cross-complaint in the suit of Ida Osgood Stanley against the cross-complaint and Roxana O. Nims to quiet title to the Osgood estate, to which she is the adopted heir. He avers that Ida Osgood Stanley, the adopted daughter of the late Mason Osgood, has no interest in the estate, and that he is entitled to one-half interest and Roxana O. Nims to the other one-half. He says Mrs. Stanley has had possession of the property since December, 1900, and that he has been damaged to the extent of \$10,000 thereby and that the emoluments from the estate have been \$25,000, and he asks judgment for \$5,000 for the plaintiff, in an action to quiet title to the estate. In an affidavit to a one-half interest in the estate.

Roxana O. Nims filed a motion asking that parts of the complaint alleging that Mrs. Stanley's adoption be stricken out as immaterial, on the ground that Indiana has no valid adoption law. The motion says the adoption law of the State is void because of the constitutionality and in contravention of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which provides that no person shall be deprived of his property without due process of law. The point of contention that is raised declaring the Indiana adoption law to be unconstitutional, and that the court has successfully will put a new phase on all cases in the State that are pending wherein adoption is a factor.

The case will be one of the hardest fought legal battles in the courts of Marion county. It is expected that the case will be carried to the higher courts. The cross-complaint was filed by Mrs. Stanley, who is the adopted daughter of the late Mason Osgood, and is represented by A. C. Harris and Wilson & Towley.

## Greeks Battling in Court.

James Forte yesterday filed suit against Theodore Cofatis to replevin two lunch wagons. Both men are Greeks and were formerly partners in the Wiener wurst business. Cofatis conducted a fruit stand until a year ago when Forte came to the country from Greece. Forte told Cofatis he could put him in a better business, and they formed a partnership and built lunch wagons. A short time later Forte had a misunderstanding and dissolved partnership, and Cofatis sold his share of the wagons and entered court, and already the costs have exceeded the value of all the wagons.

## THE COURT RECORD.

## Circuit Court.

Henry Clay Allen, Judge.

George W. Stout vs. Emma Same; to quiet title. Finding for plaintiff. Judgment and decree quieting title in plaintiff at plaintiff's costs.

Georgia A. Wood vs. William Wood; divorce. Dismissed by plaintiff. Judgment against B. Paul to pay costs.

Charles W. De Pauw vs. The Premier Steel Company; receivership. Final report approved. Receiver discharged and trust closed.

Margaret Schnabel vs. Christian W. Schnabel; divorce. Evidence concluded. Finding for defendant on plea of abatement. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

George Kessler et al. vs. The City of Indianapolis; appeal from Board of Public Works. Dismissed by plaintiff. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

American Boiler and Sheet Iron Company vs. Melancthon Plunkett et al.; foreclosure. Agreement of parties. Judgment and foreclosure against defendant Melancthon Plunkett for \$15 and costs. Dismissed as to other defendants.

Seraphine Griffith vs. Rolfe B. Griffith; divorce. Finding for plaintiff. Decree of divorce.

## MARINES AND WARSHIPS

## NAVAL FORCE AT COLON TO BE REINFORCED IF NECESSARY.

## Commander McLean Will Have 380 More Blue Jackets in a Few Days—600 to Be in Readiness.

## WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Secretary

Moody has finally decided to augment the United States naval forces on the Isthmus by the addition of 380 marines. Commander McLean's advice indicates that these are needed. He has given orders to Commander Pillsbury, of the United States Steamship Prairie, now at Boston, to proceed with his ship to Norfolk. At that point 600 marines will be gathered ready to take ship when Secretary Moody's advice indicates the need of their presence on the Isthmus. Norfolk is the most available point for the congregation of marine force, as, in addition to its southern location, it has excellent camping grounds for marines.

## NEW SUITS FILED.

Henry Nicolai vs. Lawrence S. Hill et al.; mortgage foreclosure. Superior Court, Room 3.

James Forte vs. Calafates; replevin. Circuit Court, Room 3.

Henry Maag vs. Jesse E. Jones et al.; mechanic's lien. Superior Court, Room 2.

George Hall vs. Andrew Halley; divorce. Superior Court, Room 1.

First National Bank of Crawfordville vs. Edward E. Wilson et al.; note. Superior Court, Room 2.

## HIGHER COURTS' RECORD.

## SUPREME COURT.

1905. John B. W. Giller vs. Harriet B. West. Marshal C. C. Record. Assignment of errors. —Minutes.

1902. Wm. W. Sefton vs. Board of Commissioners, et al. Howard C. C. Appellant's brief. —Minutes.

1907. Ex rel. Romus F. Stuart et al. vs. Sterling R. Holt et al. Marion C. C. Appellant's brief. —Minutes.

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